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FOR ARP FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SA
SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF FMS DOLLAR FUGURES AND THE SNEP O AND M

REF: STATE 154089

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED SNEP CASE WITH DEFENSE MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN ON JULY 2. REFERRING TO SULTAN'S PREVIOUS EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS TO FEDUCE FMS TOTALS, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT OFFICILAS IN WASHINGTON MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST TO CAPTAIN SAJA DURING HIS MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY BENSON ON JULY 10 WAYS OF CUTTING FMS TOTALS IN SNEP CASE. SULTAN CAUTIONED AGAINST TAMPERING WITH ARGEEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REACHED ON SNEP, SAYING THAT THIS PROJECT WAS TANDER INFOAT THAT NEEDED ALL CARE AND NOURISHMENT POSSIBLE TO INSURE ITS PROPER GROWTH AND HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT. AMBASSADOR ASSURED PRINCE SULTAN THAT U.S. WAS COMMITTED TO SUCCESS OF PROGRAM AND WOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT BABY GOT THE APPROPRIATE BOTTEL.

2. COMMENT: SAUDIS SEEM FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROPOSAL THAT PROJECT BE ALL FMS FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS. USMTM, CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDING GENERAL CATHEY, IS CONVINCED THAT SAUDIS DO NOT HAVE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER NON-FMS CONTRACT FOR NON-MILITARY FEATURES OF SNEP AND THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE YEARS TO TRAIN MODA PERSONNEL TO TAKE OVER THIS PORTION OF PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, USMTM BELIEVES THAT IF U.S. REFUESE TO GO ALONG WITH TOTAL FMS CASE AT LEAST IN INITIAL STAGE OF SNEP, SAG MAY LOOK FOR THIRD COUNTRY

TO TURN TO, DIFFICUTL THOUGH IT MAY BE FOR THEM TO FIND
ANOTHER COUNTRY THAT CAN GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT.
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